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Memorial Service Information

Updated procession viewing time is 1:15 p.m., Tuesday Sept 12, 2006

VISALIA - On Tuesday, September 12, 2006 a small funeral procession will travel from the City of Exeter to the Visalia First Assembly of God Church located at the intersection of Akers Road and Caldwell Avenue in Visalia.

As the procession makes its way along Caldwell Avenue members of the community are encouraged to come out and show their support for the Stone family. An ideal location is anywhere along Caldwell Avenue from Mooney Boulevard. to Demaree Road at approximately 1:15 p.m. "I know it would mean a lot to the Stone family and our firefighters to see the communities support as this procession moves through the area," said CDF spokesperson Matt Streck.

ROAD CLOSURE INFORMATION

This Memorial Service is expected to draw a large number of public safety apparatus from throughout California, which will be used as part of a static display of support for the Stone family. This will necessitate the temporary closure of Akers Road.

Akers Road from Caldwell Avenue south to Avenue 276 will be closed between 12 p.m. and approx. 3:30 p.m.

"We appreciate the overwhelming support from Tulare County residents during this difficult time and are sorry for any inconvenience this road closure may cause. We hope they can bear with us during our final farewell to our brother firefighter", said CDF Tulare Unit Chief Ed Wristen.